



Council 4 AFSCME Public Safety Chapter Testimony
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Chairman Horn, Chairman Osten and members of the Public Safety Committee:

My name is Brian Anderson. I am a legislative director for Council 4 AFSCME's 2,000 member police locals and many state and municipal emergency dispatchers.

Council 4 is in support of **HB 5306, An Act Concerning Temporary State Permits and State Permits to Carry a Pistol or Revolver for Retired Peace Officers.** This bill establishes a permitting process to assist retired Connecticut police officers in being able to carry a firearm in any state in the country in conjunction with federal law, H.R. 218, the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act.

HB 5306 allows peace officers who have retired in good standing to automatically get a temporary state permit from their local chief and one five year permit from CT DESPP. The officer would then be exempted from paying the \$140 permitting fee, having to take a DESPP approved handgun course or having to submit to state and national criminal history checks. Retired officers must have served for at least 10 consecutive years, retired in good standing within 30 days of submitting their application for the temporary permit and be permanent residents of the jurisdiction from which they received the permit.

We would be happy to provide any further information. Thank you for your consideration.